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quest, our General did very willingly agree, considering with himself that it was necessary for Him to lessen his number ; both for the safety of himself and the rest.

And thereupon being resolved to set half his people on shore, that he had then left alive ; It was a world to see how suddenly men's minds were altered ! for they which, a little before, desired to be set on land, were now of another mind,, and requested rather to stay.

By means whereof, our General was enforced, for the more contentation of all men's minds, and to take away all occasions of offence, to take this order.

First, he made choice of such persons of service and account as were needful to stay : and that being done, of those who were willing to go, he appointed such as he thought might best be spared.

And presently appointed that, by the boat, they should set on shore : our General promising us, that, the next year, he would either come himself, or else send to fetch us home.

Here again, it would have caused any stony heart to have relented, to have heard the pitiful moan that many did make ; and how loath they were to depart. The weather was then somewhat stormy and tempestuous, and therefore we were to pass with great danger [*i.e., to the shore*] ; yet notwithstanding there was no remedy but we that were appointed to go away, must of necessity do so.

Howbeit, those that went in the first boat were safely set ashore ; but of them which went In the second boat, of which number I myself was one, the seas wrought so high that we could not attain to the shore : and therefore we were constrained through the cruel dealing of JOHN HAMPTON, Captain of the *M[^]mon*, JOHN SANDERS, Boatswain of the *Jesus*, and THOMAS Pollard, his [*i.e., the Boatswain's*] Mate, to leap out of the boat into the main sea, having more than a mile to the shore ; and so to shift for ourselves, and either to sink or swim. And of those that were so, as It were, thrown out, and compelled to leap into the sea ; there were two drowned, which were of Captain ELAND'S [*a Frenchman of Rochelle, see p. 310*] men.

In the evening of the same day, it being
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